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What to Give a Fair Young Bride at This Season.

SOME INEXPENSIVE GIFTS

Others That Cost More—Fancy Trifles in Silver, Porcelain and Cut Glass. Quaint Pieces in China.

The subject of wedding presents is one that lies on almost everyone's heart just at present. We all know somebody that is going to be married, and it is rather convenient to have a list of presents to select from. The prices paid vary from \$5 to \$5,000, but there is just as much variety in gifts to be had for the low price as for the high.

We'll start, then, with \$5. For this one can get a very dainty paper and envelope case of white enamel, painted with graceful bunches of violets. It has three compartments, one above the other, increasing in size, or a very pretty stand with white sticks, filled in with a deep, full pocket of China silk in a soft light shade. It is equally con-



ADJUSTABLE GIFTS.

venient for a lady's sewing or for newspaper. As a music holder, also, it is very acceptable. The prettiest China vase and porcelain ornaments can be had for this sum, dainty China silk vases, to drape on easels, a wood basket for the grate fire, with the side adorned with a handsomely embroidered band of plush, and a big bowl on the handle, pretty little bedroom clocks, quilted flower stands, tiny lamps for reading war, little silver postage stamp boxes, or chased silver sugar tongs. A cut-glass ashtray, with silver mountings, is a nice little gift.

But for a little more—say from \$10 to \$15—one can get a very pretty little leather duster with white feathers. The price seems somewhat high till one examines the finely chased field flowers on the silver handle. A young and lovely bride surely could not resist the temptation to dust her valuable bric-a-brac, which she dreads to trust to no mortal, with that little duster.

Or a sterling silver shoehorn, marked \$15, would not come amiss to draw on her pretty slippers. There are very pretty silver cases for \$9, with broad silver knives for serving fish; little jewel cases of porcelain, with Cupid for a driver; in his hand he holds a spray of forget-me-nots, and his sleigh is sprinkled all over with them; his runners are laid with gold lines. There are, also, porcelain ornaments shaped like a mandolin, with roses and forget-me-nots in raised work, forming the decoration. They show to the best advantage laid on a soft plush mat, and are, also, less likely to be shattered there. A miniature spinning wheel, suggesting industry, is rather unique. It is of blue Dresden china, and has a tiny bundle of flax, all ready to begin work. Then there is a Japanese silver tray, with storks flying gracefully over it in all directions; a big, square glass box made in gray linen, lined with white crepe, and painted with great details on the cover; a band of old gold plush finishes it off. There is an awfully pretty medicine chest in white enamel, all inlaid with a flower design in gold. Around this, again, is a piece of morning glories, painted in natural colors. The small door opens and reveals cubby holes and shelves of all sizes, so that the most anxious wife could keep medicines for almost any known disease, to administer with her own hands to her dearly beloved. I'm sure he'd get better a good deal sooner if he saw her fussing among all these little compartments, just for his sake.

But if you are ambitious to get something a little handsomer, and if the amount you have laid apart for your gift is \$25 or \$30, you may go to one of the fancy furniture places and get a very pretty chair for the music room by that sum. It will be of gold, the back in the shape of some musical instrument, a harp or violin or some other. The seat is of very fine tapestry, y brocade in the old Louis XIV. colors. You can get a pretty little lounge chair within this limit, also; or even a set-a-table, if you get it in simple style; a great flower holder, which stands in the form of a vase, filled with ferns or grasses; it is of yellow lead ware, and is a handsome ornament in almost any room. A Japanese fan, tall and slender, with beautiful gold work and quaint figures spread all over it in slightly bewildering confusion after the manner of the Japanese, is also ticketed at \$25, and a silver salt set, made of green lacquer of different sizes. The main salt is a big lacquer bowl with gold

stretched leaves and the small dishes of the separate leaves. The edges are ragged, just as they are plucked from the field.

But perhaps \$30 is not enough in your estimation to expend on the fair bride of your acquaintance, and you want to get something truly handsome. If so, you will do well to go to Tiffany's and select some choice gift of rare design. For \$50 you can buy a sterling silver bread tray and basket which will adorn the attractive dinner-table, or a cake-basket, also silver; a very pretty celery vase, a silver jug, silver mounted; a fruit bowl in silver; a traveling bag well furnished with silver mountings, just the thing for a flying wedding trip; beautiful bronze jardiniere, with cupids sporting all around; sterling silver manicure sets, twelve pieces, on a silver tray, that my lady can sit down to and find great pleasure in using; a silver soap dish to put with her toilet implements; beautiful candelabras in crystal and gilt; bronze statuettes, banquet lamps, in fine cut glass; dainty shades to adorn them with, and exquisite hand mirrors, silver mounted.

For \$75 there is such a pretty clock, harp-shaped, of deep turquoise blue, inlaid with fancy gold work. The face is surrounded with brilliants, and on each side is a small figure in gold. The stand also is of gold. For \$150 can be secured a little tete-a-tete set—teapot, cream jug and pitcher—and some of these are marked as high as \$325. The one in the illustration is that price, and is one of the late Mr. E. C. Moore's special creations. The style of work is a combination of the Indian and Saracenic, partly repousse and partly etched. There is a silver glove box for the modest sum of \$250, of Louis XVI. style, with cupid and rosebud design. There is also a silver siphon case to hold the bottles of mineral water. They look quite different when slipped into these silver cases, which are only \$45. The top slips around and is fastened together with a silver stick suspended from a little chain. Egg steamers are quite novel, made in the shape of an egg, standing on chicken's feet, with a little sauce pan underneath, which is filled with sufficient alcohol to steam the eggs, which are put inside four at a time fitted into a wire stand. It is of silver-plate, hardened, and at the top is a little knot of ivory, a non-conductor of heat. This is but \$35.

An extremely suggestive gift is a sterling silver gridiron, of open work design, horn handle, inlaid with silver. It is a trifle expensive—two hundred and twenty-five dollars—but I was informed that a great many were presented to young couples starting in housekeeping. It would scarcely do for any practical use, but would be quite an addition to any kitchen.

One could hardly believe that those beautiful presents would be indifferently received, yet numbers of them are actually sent back immediately, either to be stored in the warehouses sometimes for years, or else to be credited to the sender's account. Many of them come back still containing the cards which accompanied them, so little are they valued. But such is life—New York life, at any rate.

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